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Letter dated 22 March 1995 from the Permanent Representative of Bosnia and Herzegovina to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General

I have the honour to transmit to you the enclosed letter, of today's date, from my President addressed to you.

May I ask for your kind assistance in circulating this letter as a document of the General Assembly, under agenda item 39, and of the Security Council.

(Signed) Muhamed SACIRBEY
Ambassador
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ANNEX

Letter dated 22 March 1995 from the President of Bosnia and Herzegovina addressed to the Secretary-General

There is a steadily growing gap between the mandate of the United Nations Protection Force (UNPROFOR) as provided for by the Security Council and the actual implementation of that mandate. In view of the fact that it was actually always necessary to strengthen those mechanisms, including the UNPROFOR mandate, that promote the cause of peace and humanitarian efforts, this negative tendency towards the erosion of the mandate is most disconcerting at this time.

Therefore, it is imperative that a thorough review be undertaken of both the current Security Council mandate with respect to UNPROFOR and its actual implementation before it is extended beyond 31 March 1995. There are numerous factors as well as developing events that should be considered in this review, including: the changes for UNPROFOR in Croatia and Macedonia; the expiration of the cease-fire in Bosnia and Herzegovina; the reluctant peace process; Serbia and Montenegro's failure to recognize its neighbours; the deteriorating humanitarian situation; the failure to lift the siege of Sarajevo or even to assure the "blue routes"; the harassment of the operations at Sarajevo airport and access routes therefrom; the violation of the exclusion zone around Sarajevo and Goražde as well as the continuing incursions into the other "safe areas"; the persistent onslaught against Bihać, especially through the violation of our international border with the Republic of Croatia; impeding of humanitarian aid convoys; continuing ethnic cleansing in areas under Serbian occupation; and escalating violations of the "no-fly" zone.

Because the expiration of the current UNPROFOR mandate on 31 March 1995 is a relatively short time away, we would be willing to favourably consider extending the existing mandate for a period of no more than 30 days to accomplish this comprehensive review. We look forward to contributing positively in this review and are prepared to endorse measures designed to promote the peace process, improve effectiveness and the humanitarian situation, and secure the territorial integrity and sovereignty of the Republic of Bosnia and Herzegovina.

(Signed) Alija IZETBEGOVIĆ
President